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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Our Case No. 01-1633-A)**

In re Application of:)
Storhoff, et al.) Examiner: TBA
Serial No. 10/612,422)
Filed: July 2, 2003) Group Art Unit: 1645
For: Nanoparticle Polyanion Conjugates and) Confirmation No.: 6581
Methods of Use Thereof in Detecting)
Analytes)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

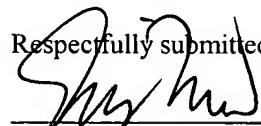
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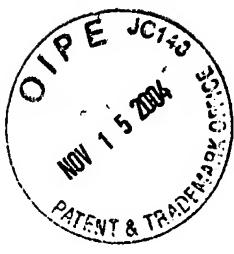
In regard to the above identified application.

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Request for Status; and
 - b) Return Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) No fees are due at the present time.
 - b) General Authorization: Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
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Date: Nov. 9, 2004

Respectfully submitted,


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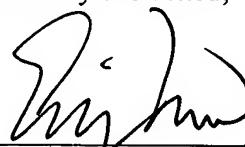
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This is a request for status of this application. Over 16 months has passed since the filing of this application and no substantive Office Action has issued.

Prompt consideration and entry of this Request is respectfully requested.

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